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The Mexican Plot and Our Congress.

It was obviously with the purpose of impressing Congress with the gravity of the information in possession of the President, and thereby affect ing its action upon his demand for gave to the public the details of tangle Japan in it.

It appears that the President came into possession of this document sub sequent to Count von BERNSTORFF' dismissal. He held it in secrecy until with this nation as "an heirloom fection. from FREDENCK the Great." But more: This astonishing proposal of Germany to dismember the United is well that the people, sorely be at the very moment when the Adminlatration was most in need of assistance in its effort to obtain the indorsement of Congress for its plan to protect American rights against German aggression. When speculation was being indulged in as to whether Germany would commit an overt act, at the exact instant when the country was awaiting the President's reaction to that overt act, this charge its constitutional functions of his instruction and the enlightenment claring war when that supreme act of all who were in doubt as to the purpose of the Imperial Government toward the United States. If the President retained any sympathy with the pacifist point of view this must have dissipated it and convinced him

But the purpose and time of the xposure are not so important as the facts. The story of the plot is so definite, its feasibility, from the German point of view, so apparent that it carries conviction. Mexico, already in virtual intermittent war with the United States, was selected as the catspaw. With German credit put at her command, with German drill and tacticians to bring discipline and military science to her jects rests, are familiar to thouarmies as they have to those of Turkey, she was to join the Kaiser's Govent in a declaration of war upon the United States. Coincidently her diplomats were to sound Japan, "sugsting," as Count ZIMMERMANN. German Foreign Minister, blandly expressed it, "adherence to this plan." Furthermore, Mexico was to "offer to mediate between Germany and Japan." The mere suggestion indi-

of Germany's secret but fixed deter-

Mexico's reward was to be the opportunity "to reconquer the lost territo the proposed new alliance.

But Japan, through every diplomatic and official agency which to the Orieans, and still later in Cuba, present moment it has been possible where his brother Hippolitic had to reach, has vigorously, indignantly gone. At any rate, the author of and convincingly repudiated any share this pamphlet asserts that the exin this typical German intrigue. It bandit and ex-General of the Carranza cious of that point that it spurn the that it was not he who played willits alliance with the Entente Allies in cavalrymen. der to take part in a raid upon the United States fomented and led by light in on the mystery of VILLA's of the Mikado's most bitter enethat national sentiment and action are he was formerly Donoteo Anango, as a rule determined by selfish rather fugitive from justice and bandit, is n sentimental or ethical reasons when we pronounce it incredible that An American ethnologist and exhis intrigue, and insist that the de had employed VILLA as a guide once

But it is notable that no denial has ret come from Mexico. We may conthe charitable excuse that unsetded conditions in that country make it impossible for official explanations to be swiftly obtainable. But a host of recent incidents tend to corroborate the opinion that the Government of credulity. Afterward, the new version BARRANEA lent a favorable ear to cerfala German overtures. Carranza's cavalry regiment in the Philippines. food, and especially oil, from Mexican American people that they don't know ports, aroused instant suspicion when what to believe about him; the truth Captain Boy-En and Captain von Pa- tion. It is entertaining to be told of his sincerity and wholeheartedness men in Mexico and Latin American that Donotto Arango masqueraded in the premises; namely, by exerting

ntire and confident acceptance.

final and futile effort to return to his country as a conqueror, was matter of

last days of his diplomatic service been terminated by this Government months earlier. A genial plotter against his friends was this advance agent of Kultur. Betraying with a ter organization of German spies which at the opening of the war sud- tious name he has taken. denly revealed itself to the astounded English. Every hotel, restaurant and club had been made a telephone to Briton's tailor, valet, chauffeur and Galety chorus gave up evidences of more of a myth. being lured from loyalty by German gold. The imagination of Mr. E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM was outdone in the creation of spies by the genius of the Count von BERNSTORFF.

How far he pursued the same avo cation here the people have yet to without information on the subject. How deeply he, the Ambassador to unlimited authority, that Mr. Wilson a friendly Power, was involved in a knocked the old precept galley west plot to rend that country into frag. Ten minutes a day with the dumb the attempted intrigue of Germany ments is yet to be shown. But it is bells, ten minutes a day at your desi with Mexico, and the effort to en-probable that the same astuteness which led the German Foreign Office to select the organizer of the German spy system in London to be German Ambassador to Washington was manifested when they picked his clos-Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollwed est associate and Secretary of Emcomplained that the United States bassy, the Baron von Schoen, to go had "brusquely" broken with a Power to Mexico, where the plot exposed in receptive youth there is no fear that that had cherished friendly relations the newspapers is in process of per-

The exposure of this plot by the Administration was wisely done. It States and turn over a strip of her fogged and bedevilled by pacifist pests, nost prosperous commonwealths to should be given to understand clearly Mexico came to Mr. Wilson's hand by what menacing conditions this nation is environed. But out of this revelation springs no added reason for the gift by Congress of unlimited authority to the President, or the surrender of any of its rights. Rather it suggests, unless at a stroke we demolish all belief in the efficiency and righteousness of democratic government, that the Congress be kept in continuous session ready to disadvising with the President and debecomes necessary.

Robert P. Porter.

In defence of the American protec tive system, ROBERT P. PORTER did of fective and intelligent service for this country in the years preceding and covering his association with Tue Parss. An Englishman by birth, he possessed first hand knowledge of the detrimental effect of free trude in a country of highly developed industries, even before the keener competition which in recent years had more vividly exposed its weakness.

sands of our readers, to whom the news of his death will bring a sharpened realization of his services to the cause of sanity and prevision in government finance.

Where Is Panche Villa? The penetration of Mexico by Gen-

eral PERSHING'S regulars to "get VILLA dead or alive" would be a comedy of history if the famous bancates that Germany would welcome dit was not the leader of the Columand expedite the mediation that bus raid and if he had never been would detach Japan from her pres- the quarry in Chihuahua. According to a pamphlet issued by a Mexican publicity bureau in this city VILLA disappeared after the battle of Agua tory in New Mexico, Texas and Ari- Prieta, where a Carranza General ia." Japan's profit is left to the routed him with great loss of men magination—which in our Pacific and equipment. It is declared that coast States is already quite equal to VILLA came to the United States, and supplying the most terrifying sequel there were reports that he was seen in southern California, where his newest wife was living; later in New of necessary to the national forces was not in Chihushua when or of a people exceedingly tena- the raiders attacked Columbus, and aggestion that it should be false to o'-the-wisp to Colonel W. C. Brown's

An attempt is made to let some

success as a soldier when he really es. We do not overlook the fact had an organized command. That now accepted as a fact on the border. pan could have had any share in plorer in the Mexican deserts who tials of her spokesmen are entitled to affirmed that the man had learned enlisted in the "Rough Riders" in advantageous ends. 1898. This would be interesting if true, but it is manifestly a strain on has it, Anango served in an American ent suggestion of striking at Eng. PANCHO VILLA, the peon Napoleon. d by shutting off the export of has been so much of a myth to the was put forth. The activities of may be even stranger than the fic-

veniently died thirteen years ago.

and the later factional war was not immediately tributary to the port into It is evident enough that the Mexi- the hunted in that futile invasion by can intrigue was part of the activi- American troops, what has become ties of smiling Von BERNSTORF in the of him and who is the guerrilla that now enjoys the notoriety reserved for at Washington, which should have the tarnished hero of Mexican melo drama in current narrative? We are country when PERSHING crossed the border, and that the elusive one was smile, he needed only a few pounds last heard of in South America. That more of fat to be the Count Fosco of he may later have found his way into diplomacy. The extent of his legacy Mexico is admitted, but the redoubtto the United States we have yet to able VILLA of the recent taking of learn. When he quit London to be- Chihuahua is declared to be no other stow his diplomatic light upon Wash- than the notorious Jost INER SALAington he left behind him that sinis- SAR, whose misdeeds are about as evil as those of the man whose ficti-

We present this singular story without comment, except to say that proper. Perhaps now some magnanithe PANCHO VILLA of the revolution the ear of Wilhelmstrasse. The and its sequel has never been seen since the Columbus raid by any favorite waiter were in the pay of American who had known him in that typically British institution the picturesque rascal becomes more and in the year.

Ten Minutes a Day.

Ten minutes a day, the altruist uses to assure us, will suffice to accomplish almost any task to which a man may set himself. While it was at first thought necessary to be early to bed learn, though our Government is not and early to rise in order to become healthy, wealthy and wise, the proper consecration of ten minutes a day after the whistle blew, ten minutes day with the World's Best Litera ture accomplished just as much and with less anguish, particularly on win try mornings when the water in the pitcher on the washstand was ice.

Once the doctrine of ten minutes day has been properly inculcated in it will be disregarded in later years. The man who has been taught to devote ten minutes a day to Poems of All Mankind will never refuse to listen for ten minutes to a book agent; the man who practises calisthenics for 600 consecutive seconds in every twenty-four hours does not begrudge ten minutes devoted to the strategy of VON HINDENBURG. And the fellow who never watches the clock too closely at quitting time is the fellow who gets ome ten minutes late to supper.

The ten minutes a day training ! an invaluable asset for certain purposes and a serious handicap in other undertakings. Ten minutes devoted daily to the works of W. SHAKESPEARE will enable you to quote from "Timon of Athens" when the most learned thing your friend can muster is a well worn fragment from "Hamlet." Ter minutes a day will enable you to outputt JEROME TRAVERS, but strangely enough, will not allow you to learn how to play golf. Ten minutes only occasionally is long enough to permit an investment of \$10,000 in the non parelled shares of the Bonanza Gulch Gold Mining Company, but ten years is not long enough to enable the in vestor to get his money back. Yet it only takes ten minutes to declare dividend. Ten minutes a year or semiyearly, as against ten minutes a day on the part of the promoter and the "prospect." Any half way good prospend ten years in jail.

Ten minutes a day has its draw backs, we repeat. Properly spent it enables you to become a leading or misleading citizen, as the case may be. Improperly spent it may deprive you of your digestion or your money. It fastens upon the practitioner with the fatal facility of all true habits: he can no more resist spending ten minutes a day on every subject or person that comes before him than he can help spending ten minutes between Brooklyn Bridge and the Grand Central wondering if he is going to

The Nearly Hopeless Task.

get a seat.

That was an elaborate argument to put this country in the wrong which the German Chancellor made to the Reichstag. It all hinged on the old cry that the United States had acquiesced in British violations of international law while taking a more vigorous attitude toward Germany's transgressions. Not excessively vigorous, perhaps—but let that pass.

Does it ever occur to the German mind that if Germany had merely violated American rights in respec of property Von Beaustorer might be in Washington to-day? Can the idea ever be inserted in the Prussian skull that the destruction of American property is as less than nothing compared with the wilful and persistent taking of American life?

Governor Edge's Opportunity.

Governor EDGE of New Jersey lifted his voice yesterday before the Chamber of Commerce in behalf of cooper ation between New York and New Jersey in the advancement of commerce the trade of soldier in a United States | here and hereabout, the improvement negro cavalry regiment. It is well of the port without regard to State known that he is of mixed blood. The boundaries, and generally in favor of pamphleteer gives another twist to a sensible and intelligent common efthe legend when he says that Arango fort for the attainment of mutually

We are sure that every merchant. shipowner and manufacturer in this State will approve heartily of such a scheme and contribute in every way

in his power to its success. As Governor Engs has brought the matter up and shows such an encouraging interest in it, we take the liberty of pointing out to him a method by which he can give earnest mirles stimulated the curiosity of as Parcho Villa because an old immediately his unquestioned influsecret service a year or more ago. bandit of that name was long the ence for the suppression of the move-

shortsighted men to divide by means If PANCHO VILLA of the revolution of freight differentials the territory a dozen jealous and clashing settlements continually striving to injure each other, and thus working to the

detriment of all concerned. With Governor Epox aligned against this expensive and deplorable design, told that VIII.A was actually in this it would quickly sink into insignificance and soon be heard from no more.

> It appears that we are not the only nation that has been doing a little watchful waiting in Mexico.

Bank of France is Federal Bank's gent.—Newspaper headline.

Unneutral beyond a doubt. The Council of National Defence has asked Americans to show considera-tion for aliens. This is sensible and mous alien will counsel his fellows to

New Jersey is to have a "Boys Day," apparently on the theory that the German secret service. Even the flesh, and as time passes the the girls are not entitled to every day

> Timidity, it is asserted, has kept since February 1. If the Shipping Board had possessed ships, would it have sent them out? And would the sinking of a ship owned or chartered by the United States Government constitute an overt act?

City now faces sugar famine.-Newsaper headline Nobody familiar with the candy trade from the customer's side of the counter would think so

"Pure, unadulterated bunk," Mayor Mirchal of the story that he any purist is offended by the Mayor's that bunkum is as legitimate as buncombe and the "um" is really super-

President Wilson must be taken as he is, at the same time an idealist and practical philosopher, prudent and reso-lute.—Journal des Debats,

Some of Mr. Wilson's admirers have compared him with ABRAHAM LINCOLN. but in Paris they know BENJAMIN FRANKLIN better. Thus the pressure on the memory of Mr. Lincoln is re-

THAW fit for trial in New York .-Does New York feel fit for the

Perhaps since his Texas district has already repudiated him Callaway will continue his efforts to advance the cause of the nation which is ready to aid Mexico "to reconquer the lost territory of New Mexico, Texas and Ari-

Amid all the discussion of the high cost of living the statesmen at Washington have seen fit to put under the ban the one staple of diet the price of which to the ultimate consumer never varies. Every Congressman who walks on Pennsylvania avenue knows that whatever feats of aviation the price of potatoes may perform whiskey still sells at fifteen cents, or two drinks for a quarter. Yet this real standard of stability is to be banished from Washington November 1.

OUR COLORED TROOPS. A Plea for the Training of Men Their Race as Officers.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: On the editorial page of The Sun of Feb- at first blush appear to be a surprising Mr. Posters's devotion to protection moter can earn enough in ten minutes and his skill in elucidating the facts a day to support his family in the on which discussion of economic subby white officers always." Evidently of a boardwalk to the writer had no knowledge concerning years ago fenced in the people's beach the almost absolute lack of opportunity with barbed wire, and did not remove the young colored man has had to equip it even when the Court of Appeals orhimself for intelligent military life. How dered them to do so, impels Coney Islmany men of negro descent have been anders north of Surf avenue closely encouraged or allowed to rise from the scrutinize this gift boardwalk. ranks in the army and navy? How The chief concern of the thousand many have been admitted at West Point who swarm on the Coney Island benches or Annapolis? Who has encouraged in the summer is what effect the walk the young colored man to attend milt- will have on bathing facilities, tary schools, and what military schools every pleasant Saturday and Sunday of the first grade would admit him? during the bathing season the beache Who has made an opening for him in from Eighth street to Thirty-seventh

> Give colored men a chance to train as tion to walking on a boardwalk officers and there will be no question as . It is idle for the advocates of the walk to where the men in the ranks will be NEW YORK, March 1. A. C. BOLLING.

The Lie Justifiable.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: To he question "Is a lie ever justifiable?" would answer, emphatically, "Yes." Victor Hugo's heroic nun who lied to Javert in order to save Jean Valjean risked her immortal soul without flinching. Expediency may condone many things which stern duty must weigh L. C. GLEN RIDGE, N. J., March 1.

Deep Significance of One Simplest of Words.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIC ould be instructive to have Mr. Dewell tell us why, among the few deplored expletive attributions to woman, that of 'cat" draws most surely the smile of proad and plausible rapport.

SWARTHMORE, Pa., March 1.

The Matter With Kansa

From the Topeka Capital. They buried Functon yesterday. He was the last of the Kansas heroes. Except for the Old Boys who went to war in the s the era of the man who wants to regulate the universe by statute.

Rehind the Battle Front.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: In not the following rather to the point apropos of the present attitude at Washington? Behind each battle front lie skulking trails

called peace Winding in wordy thickets, through wal-

Deep mired in shame; whereby pale souls, that cease To heed the trump of honor, From duty's perilous call-yet, ere

Find the foul path back bending. CHARLES KELSET GAINES. CANTON, N. T., Maron 1.

ending.

German backing of HUERTA, in his Robin Hood of Chibushua and con- ment undertaken and fostered by SO THEY CALLED OUT THE POSSE COMITATUS.

A sturdy ruffian, gathering about him a party of conscienceless rogues robbing the inhabitants of their prop erty, and, wherever resistance was attempted, murdering men, women and hildren in the cruellest manner possible. This band spread terror ever they appeared, and aroused the

hem. Emboldened by their successes, they eventually widened the field of their crimes, and on reaching a rich but peaceable shire which had heard of their evil deeds but never experienced them sought by threats to tribute from it.

Protesting against the lawless be havior of the ruffian, the peaceable county refused to obey the orders given to it. The rufflan immediately and with rare professional skill, mur dered a number of helpless membe of the peaceable county to convinc their friends and neighbors that he was in earnest and intended to ge what he had come after.

These crimes enraged the peaceabl county, whose head men loudly asserted its legal rights, and threatene o have the law on the ruffian. T these protests the ruffian made answ that he had changed the law; and the American ships tied up at their piers dispute which ensued, punctuated by occasional murders committed by the rufflan, caused a crowd to gather.

Here the cutpurses and pickpockets of all parts of the country saw an opportunity, and plied their trade and when the head men of the peace able county finally notified the ruffian that they intended to call out the Sheriff and seize him if they had the power, he addressed them thus:

"It is true that I have committee robbery, and arson, and murder, but you should not send the Sheriff after me on account of such things whil thieves are at large stealing the wallets from the pockets of your people Instead, you should send the Sherift to capturing them: and to show yo combe and the "um" is really super-that I am your friend, I shall, after fluous. Bunk cannot be evicted from I have murdered half a dozen or half a hundred more of your women and children, be glad to help you punish these pillagers.

"Moreover, if you set out to sto murder while endering these pick purses, I shall know you for friend of the light fingered gentry, which in truth I believe you to be, and I shall treat you as common malefactors."

Wherewith the ruffian murdered

more women and children, and did ! in a way to convince all beholders that he was a most accomplished practilloner at that trade. Some of the residents of the peace

able county were much terrifled, and tion"; others, being simple, exclaimed "This ruffian is a good fellow at heart and does not mean what he says still others were secretly in the rufflan's pay, and these raised a loud cry that beside pocketpicking murder wa lackwits divided themselves according

But the sensible and intelligent mer of the peaceable county said "Let us make it our first duty to rid ourselve of the murderous ruffian. If we suc ceed, we shall be able to take care o the cutpurses; but if we cannot defend our shire and its people from murder it is a matter of small consequence that it is overrun with thieves.

BOARDWALK OR BEACH? A Contention That One Excludes th Other at Coney Island.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Th offer of the property owners south of Sur street. Copey Island, to defray the en tire cost of the proposed boardwalk, may

the military camps forming all over the street are thronged by from 75,000 to 150,000 people, and judged by the evi-The popularity of Major Charles dent pleasure they derive from lounging Young of the Tenth Cavalry is evidence on the sands between dips in the surf that a negro officer can lead his men, they would prefer that form of recrea-

> to say that those who prefer to go in the water still can do so. The present beach from low to high water mark, will b covered by the approaches to the walk and water of the depth in which a large majority of the people frolic will be cov ered by the walk itself. Thus only exand the beach as a bathing ground for women, children and men who are no swimmers will be destroyed. The sands which under the warm sun's rays make an ideal place for women and children especially to get the sea breeze, will be dark, damp and unhealthful. The ques tion resolves itself into one of a boardwalk versus a bathing beach. If the walk is built exit the beach.

> The eagerness for the walk of th philanthropical gentlemen with property near the beach is not difficult to understand. The approaches to the walk will lead to the rear doors of their cafes restaurants, merry go rounds and othe amusement enterprises, and as the promenaders become weary from their pedestrian exercises, what more natural than that they should enter for rest and refreshment?

If 150,000 people in bathing suits, disporting themselves on the warm sands 14 and not entering the rear doors of nearby amusement resorts, can be transformed into 159,000 persons in street clothes. promenading on a boardwalk, close to inviting viands and recreation, would not the outlay for the structure be worth the while of the philanthropists?

In substance the scheme for a board walk is merely another form of the persistent efforts of a class of Coney Island purveyors to deprive the people of their right to use the beach between high and low water mark, a right affirmed by the highest court in the State.

Penalty of Being Too Funny.

From the Eureka Springs Times Echo. It takes some people a long time to see joke. The little joke we had in yester-ay's paper about the smallpox being and in the dictionary at the Carnegie found in the dictionary at the Library is taken by some to really mean dictionary without the word

UNDER WHICH FLAG?

The Simple Question Every American Must Answer. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SET: Ger nany's last warning to us and the Chan-

ellor's recent utterance make more conspicuous a fact established since the be sinning of the war but not generally needed: the Allies are fighting our bat le. The question is not whether you are for England or a German protagonist It is a simple case of being either a true American or a man bereft of sense, telligence, conscience or any semblance

of a liberty loving spirit. BROOKLYN, March 1.

Cold or Hot?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: A a time like the present—our country the midst of a crisis giving promise ome to us in the past-it is surely the ism. Some of our citizens exhibit at times a cold rather than a hot patriotism, but it is not befitting those to deny other men who are by nature "red hot patriots," is it?

Now past the threescore and ten can I display it hot? If I do, I don't want to be told that I am a hysteric supplied. or "jingo." I have heard it said that emotional patriotism indicates weakness but it did not in my time. If though of our country at this time does not lead fellow men and strengthening the hands of Government, what will?

WILLIS L. BROWNELL. EAST ORANGE, N. J., March 1.

TO PARENTS. Does the Health and Life of Your Bo

Mean Anything to You? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: TO the parents of America these que

they can be got ready for action with few movements of the hand." In short, are to-day put: fectly useless and unnecessary death in a quick firing gun with a high ex-the field or in the hospital, or do you plosive charge is the object attained. want him to go forth with a reasonable chance of coming home to you?

The choice rests with you! Under the Constitution of the United states and under the national defence act of June 3, 1916, the President of the States, he remarks, had the right idea war to call into military service all citi- he begins this article with a descripens of a fighting age. As your boy will have to go to war ski of the Vesuvius and the Sandy

up to you to decide: Whether if he goes-and go he musthe shall go trained, hardened and alive to the dangers that he is to meet, or untrained, soft and ignorant of military matters and dangers, half awake and earful of the unknown;

Whether he shall go a marksman nowing how to attack and defend, how to take care of himself in the field, how keep himself in vigorous health, how to look after his feet, his skin, his teeth, or whether he shall go ignorant as a child of all the things that he needs to give him a chance to survive Whether he shall go to war with

easonable chance of returning therefrom, or to deadly certain disaster; Whether he shall go with all the possibilities that lie in his receptive young mind and active young body fully de

potato, a vegetable. He says: veloped, blindly ignorant of these things In a campaign the chances of trained

men for ultimate safety are vastly superior to those of raw recruits To send untrained troops to meet troops trained in modern warfare is sheer murder. They would die like

It is up to the parents. have their boy if he is called to the front go there alert, hardened, drilled, disctplined, awake to all possible dangers and prepared to meet them-a typical soldier of the republic; or are they going to deny eir boy that training an to the life that you gave bim, that training and knowledge which you cannot, but the Government can and will gladly give him if you but say the word? To deny him this chance for his life would be a crime, for it is his right.

Congress is about to adjourn for nine months and is avoiding this issue be

The father's vote, the mother's thoughtless condemnation of a measure that she does not understand. It is you that Congress fears. Nine months hence will be too late. Then your boy may have already been called to the army, soft and helpless as he is now. If you want to give him a chance telegraph to your Senator and Congressman urging them to pass a universal training bill sefore Congress adjourns and before it is too late. Act now! The future safety of your

son rests in your own hands. G. CREIGHTON WEBB. New York, March 1.

THE VERTICAL FLAG. Obviating One Difficulty and Creating Another and Worse.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. we were to take the field of stars in the American flag and place it midway of the left side, with three full stripes above it, three full stripes below it and seven short stripes to the right there would be no difficulty about the position of the stars when the flag was hung vertically. The field of stars would then come in the centre of the top of the flag as it hung downward. The flag could never then be hung in "distress." M. F. O'SHEA.

But a flag that cannot be flown in the position of distress is certainly undesirable. Ability to fly the flag

NEWPORT, R. I., March 1.

quickly as a distress signal may de-termine the matter of life and death. From a decision by Judge Hotchkies reported in the New York Law Journal of February 28. Cassabian vs. Weigert-This mo denied, with costs. It would be difficult to imagine an application for an injunc-

tion supported by papers less meritorious than those presented on this motion. In any museum of legal curios these paper would take high rank.

The Outrage of the Sea. Where is thine ancient majesty, O sea.
Thy wave untamed? What bitter bondage bath been put

And were that not enough thy pride to bow

Come new demands—
Thou art the basin wherein Pilate now

To hold their kill.

Doth wash his hands.

How art thou shamed? Thine ley caverns which ence chose their

MCLANDSUNGE WILLOW.

At thine own will. Now serve as graves at murderers' be the islands.

> otties. Plans are under consideration by a firm

WHAT IS NECESSARY IN THE ANTI-SUBMARINE GUN.

Relative Merits of the Pneumatic Gun and the Aerial Torpedo as Armunent for Submarine Destroyers.

A great deal has been written about slight to make the necessary im-A great deal has been written about pression on the armor of a modern motor boats as submarine destroyers, submarine; while the motor boat is Whether they are the best defence is, too low in the water and is an unof course, an interesting question, and favorable "gun platform." The true it is a striking coincidence that the method of combating submarines is, pest means of attacking and destroying submarines have just been discussed, so far as the subject allows, by naval experts in Italy and destroying an aerial torpedo. All this he candidly acknowledges is pure content of the candiday acknowledges is pure content of the candiday acknowledges. cussed, so far as the subject allows, by naval experts in Italy and Germany. These articles are not signed; they are written from different standpoints, but they are unquestionably the work of officers who have had actual experience, and, for that reason, we may glance through and be interested by some of the facts that are now pub-lished in the naval journals on, of plosiva e l'asta-governale porterebb testa sarebbe formata dalla bomba escourse, official authority. The German una coda a forma elicoidale destinata a articles, as might be expected, are not mantenir la rotazione per la stabilità" cvercandid and deal chiefly with the -a sort of arrow the head of which armament of their new boats, the call-should form the explosive charge, while bre of the guns and their mechanism. the governing shaft should carry

screw to maintain both rotation and stability of flight. He suggests that The most important information con- the Hale shell approaches most nearly terning these guns is furnished in a to this type.

But such a But such a But such aerial torpedoes would be Monatshefte of January. In this the too long, and they would have, if made author tells us that Krupp has turned too short a range. Nowadays, or for out a new type of weapon with the attack on submarines, a torpedo, if following main features: It is of effective, should have a range of 7.000 7.5 centimetres calibre (about three yards, and it must be fired in such a inches), but it compensates for its light way that it strikes at an angle of 4 weight by the facts that it discharges degrees. Otherwise it might strike the a shell with an unusually heavy load water or a point in a circle and fly of of high explosive and that it can be at a tangent. To propel a torpedo set and fired with great rapidity. In such a distance the pneumatic gun fact, the lightness of the gun is a posi-These guns are placed, as of 1,000 atmospheres. Such a weapon the writer says, "under the deck, and would obviously be too heavy and too when the vessel comes to the surface long for the deck or platform of a

the torpedo must have certain ballistic qualities, already mentioned, explosive In reviewing the means of defen force and comparative lightness and tactical qualities-rapidity of fire, a against submarines, E. D. S. in the seeks to set forth the essential princiward, and such a size that the gun installed in a relatively narrow space when the pneumatic gun was tried, and "I must disclaim," writes E. D. S., the delusion that I have solved the tion of these guns of Lieutenant Zalinproblem. A gun of the Zalinski princimyway if his services are needed, it is Hook batteries of that time, 1894. This giera per granate ad alto esplosivo"the criticism which follows. While appreciating the pneumatic gun and the

le seems to me feasible"—"canna leghigh explosive. "This," he concludes significantly, "is the only gun that affords any hope of beating the submaplosive charge in the projectile was too rine effectually."

motor boat or destroyer. Besides, !

such a weapon were successfully made

CHARLES. NOT HARRY. RICE FOR POTATOES. The Two Not Perfectly Interchange-Identity of the Lee That Washington

. able in Diet. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You ditorial article on "Rice and Potatoes" is interesting and valuable, but fails to state the whole story about those two

motor boat, he observes that the ex-

important articles of food. There is no more eminent authority on foods and food values than Henry C. Sherman, and a quotation from his battle of Monmouth and whom Washook "Food Products" will shed some ington reprimanded so severely. light on the question as to whether rice. Lee was no relation to the Lees of Vir-

A 100 calory portion of potato furnishe a 100 calory portion of steak. To serve a 200 calory portion of steak with only 100 calory portion of potato is out of pro portion. The grain products have an ex-cess of acid forming elements not larg Rice and potatoes are sometimes considered interchangeable, but from this standpoint cannot be so considered. When rice in the hearts of his countrymen instead of potato is served with meat, not only is the excess acid from the meat left | ELIZABETH, N. J., March 1.

the rice. Hence even though the rice furnishes as much energy and protein, it cannot properly be regarded as of fully equal food value with the potato which it displaces. In order to avoid too great an excess of acid in cases in which no dietary calculations are made, it is well to allow at least as much money for the purchase of vegetables, fruits and milk (in which base forming elements predominate) as for the wherein she makes the statement that purchase of meats, fish and eggs (all of her family of four grown people can thich are distinctly acid forming) Where the cost of food must be strictly

ilmited the distary may often be improved by diminishing the expenditures for meats and sweets in order that vegetables and fruits may be used more freely. This is not written to discourage the use of rice, as it is unquestionably a valuable article of food when properly

combined with fruits and vegetables. If some reader will state where uncolished rice can be purchased for less money than polished I shall be grateful. I have never been able to buy brown unpolished rice for less than 10 cent a pound, yet it is the only rice that ould be used, as the polished rice has been robbed of so much of its valuable nineral content. RUTH N. WETZEL.

NEW YORK, March 1. . TRADE BRIEFS

French farmers will receive a premium in 1917 and yearly thereafter while maximum selling prices prevail. Guatemaia's perfumery imports in 1915 were valued at \$15.225, of which the United States supplied products amount-ing to \$5.963.

One thousand bales of sizal were shippe from the Hawaiian Islands to San Fran ciaco in 1916. The average price was between 13 and 14 cents a pound There was a rapid growth in the potas

industry in this country during 1916. Ten thousand tons of potash, valued at \$3,500,-900, were produced. Nebraska's alkali lakes yielded the largest amount. Clogs are replacing leather shoes in ondon, England, according to reports

Their cost is but one-quarter of that

pair of shoes. Orders have been placed with firms this country for 1,500 cars and fifteen en-gines for use on Spanish railroads. British Honduras shipped 942,099 of crude chicle gum, valued at \$305.785, to this country in 18td. This was a slight

Year. Japanese flour is gradually replacing th American product in Hongkong, China. Bags of forty-nine pounds each retailed in the past year at prices ranging from \$2.90 to \$3.50.

lecrease from the exports of the previous

A short railway line has been built in Shanghai, China, to connect two longer important railroads. Steel work for the five bridges on the new line was supplied by an American firm. American seeding, harvesting and hay-ing machinery has come into general use in New Zealand. There is an opportunity at present to enlarge American trade in

A Cuban firm is in the market for giaes

in Bahla for the utilization of the waters of the Jaguaribe River for a hydro-electric generating plant. There is an oportunity for American machinery.

Met at Monmouth.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In the article signed "The Man Who Rider Alone" the writer refers to Washington mouth. He probably means "Light Horse Harry," but this is a mistake It was Charles Lee who nearly lost the England who after two years in this country was made a General of the Continental army, and was finally dismissed from the service after traitorous con-

duct and insubordination. Henry Lee, or "Light Horse Harry." father of Robert E. Lee. He was noted for his bravery and efficiency and in the enough to be objectionable when the dist for his bravery and efficiency and in the so otherwise well halanced, but which may opinion of General Greene did more than any other man to accomplish the defeat of the British in the It was he who said of Washington

READER OF THE SUN

FEEDING FOUR ON FOUR. A Diet Which Sustains Life but Has

of Itself Small Joy. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUL read with interest and some surprise "An Old Time American's" article "dress well and feed well" on \$7 a week allowing \$4 or less for the table, and shows in detail how she performs what

appears to me to be a dietetical feat. The menu which she gives, which she considers sufficient to keep four adults and admit of their "feeding well," would bear friendly criticism, and with all due respect to the statements made I sule mit that such a diet, to the average good liver, would produce little short of a

domestic cataclysm. Meat for many years has been the chief article of diet and seems to satisfy where other articles of food do not, and even though one may gat somewhat sparingly of it it nevertheless seems to be almost a necessity. I notice that American's' bill of fare, which in Itsel' would be a hardship to almost any one of us, who, by the way, are also Americans, perhaps not old time Americans but all the time Americans, as the writer can boast that nationality to be let

My small family, two of us. economically, but we have meat once a day, with vegetables, fruit, cereals, coffee, tea and other good and wholesome foods, such as milk, butter, &c and find our table cost to be about dollar a day. During the present hard times for such they surely are with eggs at from 50 to 60 cents a dozen, butter from 50 cents up, vegetables all reveral cents each article more than formerly-it is more of a problem to make ends meet, but to lessen the diet or substitute other articles of food that one does not relish or enjoy cating would,

we think, be foolish in the extreme. I also question that you can but bananas at any fruit stand for a ceaplece, with oranges at the same los price. I pass a good many fruit stand daily and I must confess I fail to see either of the articles at the prices melltioned, unless it is sometimes in the case of very small, overripe bananas. which can be bought for a cent apiece but not at regular grocery stores in the

district where I live. If our American friends are satisfied with the mode of living they are to be congratulated that they can get along but many people would, I fear, call sur a diet merely sufficient to sustain !!! and not for any enjoyment to be gaine BROOKLYN, March 1.

The U.Boat's Motte. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SULT

deep sea courtesy of the overt act : Col. dren and women first. JOHN P. DAVIN, M. P.

NEW YORK, March 1.